

Tonto Basin Community Meeting 9-4-2018

Meeting Start: 5:00 PM

Meeting End: 6:10 PM

20 Residents attended

County: Supervisor Humphrey and Terry Links

Gila County:

- Welcome / Introductions – Gila County Supervisor Tim Humphrey
- Second Saturday's dollar dump day update;
Globe – 186 tons with 408 vehicles: average Saturday is 26 tons
Payson – 113 tons with 224 vehicles: average Saturday is 44 tons
- Drove County Manager Mr. Menlove around area to view conditions of roads due to flooding.
- A resident asked if the Supervisor could provide more information on special flood tax districts. Supervisor said he could ask Mr. Menlove to come to the next meeting to explain.
- Supervisor discussed the lack of funds to maintain/create infrastructure to even historic cities like New York City or Boston. Stated that is part of the reason it is so difficult/competitive to get grants to build bridge over Tonto Creek. The only thing we can do is to keep applying.
- Supervisor went over the meeting he had with NRCS, Tonto Fire, USFS and Gila County Floodplain regarding the dike situation. Supervisor let residents know that USGF will not allow the County to remove any dead or live vegetation or sediment as Tonto Creek is a protected habitat and they are studying the Mexican gardener snakes.

Scott Jones - APS

- Scott Jones related the data for power outages in August 2018. There were 5 outages. Mr. Jones explained the duration and cause of each outage.
- Mr. Jones shared that in August of 2017 there were 8 lightning strikes and to date in August 2018 there had been 241.
- A resident asked Mr. Jones if APS had lightning protection. Mr. Jones replied that the top line on power poles is a static line and is designed to pull lightning strikes to the ground.
- Mr. Jones also stated that a local trouble-man had done a detailed line patrol in the area. He found several birds' nests and some other debris.
- Mr. Jones explained that the estimated bills were due to the meters reporting through Verizon and that two "gate-keepers" needed to be replaced. They weren't working properly.

Kelly Jardin - USFS

- Kelly reported that Apache Lake was full of folks over the holiday weekend, but that the weekend was a safe one.
- Kelly said that the Indian Point brush pit is pushed up but can't be burned for a while. He asked that folks try to dump their green waste as close as possible to the pile.
- Kelly said the Marina Store should be opening in a few weeks and will include a 50 site RV park.

Sgt. Don Engler – Gila County Sheriff's Department

- Sgt. Engler let folks know that the posted speed limit through Tonto Basin is 55 MPH. He said that officers will stop vehicles for 10 MPH over the posted speed limit.
- For the prior month the SO received 120 calls in Tonto Basin, 60 in Roosevelt, completed 10 lake rescues, spent 28.5 hours on the water issuing 14 citations.
- Sgt. Engler let residents know that if you are calling SO and it is not an emergency call 928-425-4449.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20